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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA: SINGAPORE POSITION

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1. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION ON OCTOBER 17, MFA DEPUTY SECRETARY TAN BOON SENG TOLD EMBOFF THAT SINGAPORE ESPOUSAL OF ASEAN DRAFT COMPROMISE RESOLUTION BASED ON BELIEF THAT THIS TEXT IS COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES AND SERVE, AT SAME TIME, TO MAINTAIN PEACE ON KOREAN PENINSULA. TAN ADDED THAT HE IS NOW "VERY SKEPTICAL" THAT ASEAN RESOLUTION WILL DO THE TRICK. DOUBT ARISES FROM REPORT (FROM UNSPECIFIED SOURCE) MFA HAS JUST RECEIVED THAT ASEAN RESOLUTION NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPTABLE TO SPONSORS OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION. TAN ALSO REFERRED TO IMMEDIATELY PRIOR MEETING WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR DURING WHICH HE HAD INFORMED JAPANESE THAT KOREAN QUESTION CONTINUED TO BE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION WITHIN GOS.

2. SINCE ABOVE PARAGRAPH WAS DRAFTED AMBASSADOR HEARD ESSENTIALLY SAME INFORMATION FROM JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HORI. HOWEVER, HORI SAID HE WAS TOLD BY TAN BOON SENG THAT WITH COLLAPSE OF ASEAN DRAFT COMPROMISE RESOLUTION, EACH ASEAN MEMBER WOULD NOW VOTE INDIVIDUALLY, AND HE, TAN, "FAVORED" VOTING FOR
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FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. HORI ALSO QUOTED TAN AS SAYING THAT THE

PHILIPPINES AND THAILAND WOULD VOTE AGAINST PRIORITY FOR ALGERIAN RESOLUTION, MALAYSIANS WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN ON THIS ISSUE AND INDONESIAN POSITION REMAINED UNDECIDED.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE HAD THAT GOS MAY NOW REGARD ASEAN RESOLUTION AS NON-STARTER IN GAINING WIDESPREAD SUPPORT WITHIN GA. IT NOW LOOKS VERY POSSIBLE THAT, GIVEN NO PLACE ELSE TO GO, SINGAPORE MAY IN FINAL ANALYSIS VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. AS PER REFTTEL, IT APPEARS THAT IT WOULD VOTE AGAINST ALGERIAN RESOLUTION AND SUPPORT US ON PRIORITY. HOLDRIDGE

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